Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know under whose management the forests till now under the control of the Military department are at present? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR : —" Notice, Sir."

Cost of training in the Forest College at Coimbatore.

* 1038 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : With reference to my question No. 190 answered on 9th August 1929, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the net cost to the Government for each Madras student trained at the Forest College in Coimbatore ;

(*b*) whether the full cost of training is charged to the students of Indian States and other provincial administrations and if not, why not ; and

(*c*) whether there has ever been any proposal to transfer the Forest College to the charge of the Government of India ?

A.—(*a*) The net cost to Government for each Madras student trained at the Madras Forest College during the last five years was as follows :—

	RS.
1924-25	1,337
1925-26	1,310
1926-27	1,206
1927-28	1,278
1928-29	1,997

These figures do not include pay which would have to be met in any case, nor travelling allowance and nothing is charged on account of the original cost and upkeep of the college estate and buildings.

(*b*) The estimated full cost of training is charged to the students of Indian States and other Provincial administrations.

(*c*) No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know why the cost of training a student has gone up from Rs. 1,278 in 1927-28 to Rs. 1,997 in 1928-29 ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It depends on the cost of provisions and many other things."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the Government have considered the advisability of handing over the Forest College to the Government of India ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Jails

Supply of boots to the Police by jails.

* 1039 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the proportion in which the requirements of the police and other consuming departments of the Government as regards boots are met by (1) the Jails department, (2) Pallavaram Criminal Settlement, and (3) other agencies, if any ;